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For:	HEAT-SEALABLE MULTI-LAYER WHITE OPAQUE FILM		

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.132

Sir;

I, Jay K. Keung, M.S., a co-inventor named in the above-identified U.S. patent application, declare as follows:

1. I hold an M.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.
2. I have been an employee of Mobil, now ExxonMobil since 1981.
3. I am an inventor or co-inventor on at least three issued United States Patents.

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4. My professional expertise is in oriented polypropylene (OPP) films.
5. I have worked with OPP films in design, processing and manufacturing for twenty years.
6. I am a co-inventor listed on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/666,928 entitled "HEAT-SEALABLE MULTI-LAYER WHITE OPAQUE FILM" filed on September 21, 2000.
7. The top skin layer of the films of claims 11 and 12 of the invention of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/666,928 include from about 0.15% to about 0.3% SiO₂ in the form of coated silica, and from about 0.15% to about 0.25% methyl acrylate antiblock agent.
8. In the Office action of January 31, 2002 in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/666,928 at page 7 stated that there is nothing on the record that convinces the Examiner that the coated silica is significant or better than uncoated silica as an antiblock agent.
9. In fact, coated silica is preferred as provides a significant advantage over uncoated silica.

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10. Coated silica provides a lower Coefficient of Friction (COF) than uncoated silica.
11. Coated silica is preferred over uncoated silica as the antiblock agent of the top layer of the films of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/666,928.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under §1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.


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Date: 4/19/02

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